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Letter dated 28 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference

I have the honour to transmit herewith Malawi's explanation of position regarding paragraph 32 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the third International Conference on Financing for Development.

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Annex to the letter dated 28 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference

Explanation of position

While Malawi accepts the adoption of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Malawi would like to register its strong reservation on paragraph 32 of the outcome document of the third International Conference on Financing for Development. The paragraph does not take into account the consequences for tobacco-producing countries such as Malawi, whose economies substantially depend on tobacco production.

In respect of tobacco-producing countries, we would have preferred that paragraph 32 end as follows:

> "In order not to leave anyone behind, countries whose economies substantially depend on tobacco production must be supported and compensated for the loss of revenue within the framework of the United Nations and other international aid agencies as they diversify out of tobacco."